# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: FEB 2 7 2020

**Subject Considered:** 

Tiffany Mashai Davila

Springtown, TX 76082

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-20-1683.C TDI Enforcement File No. 18613

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Tiffany Mashai Davila (Respondent). Respondent engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(5); and has no appointments as required under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 4001.104(a)(1), 4001.201. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order revokes Respondents' license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

# **Findings of Fact**

# Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- On December 19, 2019, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.

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- The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, Springtown, TX 76082.
- 4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

### Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.104, 4001.201, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; and Tex. Gov'T Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally pursuant to Tex. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default pursuant to 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true pursuant to 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.89.

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#### Order

It is ordered that Tiffany Mashai Davila's License general lines license is revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Kent C. Sullivan

Commissioner of Insurance

By:

Doug Slape

Chief Deputy Commissioner

Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney

**Enforcement Division** 

# SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-20-1683.C TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 18613

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE** 

**Petitioner** 

v.

OF

TIFFANY MASHAI DAVILA,

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

Respondent

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the Department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Monday, March 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, located in the William P. Clements Building, 300 W. 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.501 AND 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.



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IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- (1) Docketing Division
  State Office of Administrative Hearings
  300 West 15th Street, Room 504
  P.O. Box 13025
  Austin, Texas 78711-3025
  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
- (2) Chief Clerk
  Texas Department of Insurance
  P.O. Box 149104, MC112-2A
  Austin, Texas 78714-9104
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney
  Texas Department of Insurance
  Enforcement Division, MC110-1A
  P.O. Box 149104

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# **Receiving Documents**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to receive service of orders and other documents issued by SOAH through email instead of by mail or fax. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, go to SOAH's website, <a href="https://www.soah.texas.gov">www.soah.texas.gov</a>, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the "Email Service" hyperlink, and follow the instructions.

NOTE: A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does not change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. The rules for filing documents and providing copies to all other parties in the case are described in SOAH's Procedural Rules, which are available on SOAH's website. Click the "Agency" tab, then click "Administrative Rules and Laws" to view SOAH's Procedural Rules.

# **Important Security Notice**

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

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#### **Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS

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**COUNTY OF TRAVIS** 

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Mary Ruiz, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Mary Ruiz and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Tiffany Mashai Davila. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing Tiffany Mashai Davila is Springtown, TX 76082.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Section of the Legal and Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated December 19, 2019, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- C. On December 19, 2019, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Tiffany Mashai Davila were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Section are attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively."

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on Japuary 27, 2020

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public-State of Texa

SONIA BECK

Notary without Bond

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

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Respectfully Submitted,



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**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Mandy Meesey, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Administrative Review, MC107-1A 2020 – 6267 Notice of Hearing Davila, Tiffany Mashai SOAH Docket No. 454-20-1683.C Page 5 of 5

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nancy Williams, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 19th day of December, 2019 to:

Tiffany Mashai Davila

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8302 8365 07

Springtown, TX 76082 Respondent Pro Se

Nancy Williams

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OF

TIFFANY MASHAI DAVILA,

Respondent

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Tiffany Mashai Davila (Davila). In support of this petition, the Department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### Jurisdiction

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051, and Tex. Gov'T Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

#### Licensure

1. Davila, individual identification no. 1574456, was issued a general lines agent license with a property and casualty qualification by TDI on July 20, 2016.

# Falsifying a Report of Loss

- 2. Davila was employed as a Licensed Sales Producer at Rusty Thomas Allstate Agency for a period of about two years between 2016 and 2018.
- 3. At 2:45 PM on September 13, 2017, Davila was involved in a 3-vehicle crash in which Allstate determined Davila to be at fault. The time of the crash is evidenced in the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report, Case ID 17-86410.



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- 4. Allstate policy records show collision and comprehensive coverage were initiated on the vehicle Davila was driving, by a co-worker on September 13, 2017 at 2:46 PM and became effective at 2:50 PM. The service request indicated that \$250,000 of collision and comprehensive coverage was added to the vehicle Davila was driving at the time of the crash, but not the other vehicle on the policy.
- On September 14, 2017, Davila filed Allstate Insurance claim of loss number xxxxxx4090, via the internet claim portal, indicating the crash occurred at 4:00 PM on September 13, 2017.
- 6. Allstate initiated an investigation, determining Davila attempted to defraud Allstate by falsifying the report of loss regarding the time of the accident.
- 7. The Allstate investigation found that Davila contacted her co-worker to add additional coverage after the September 13, 2017 accident occurred.
- 8. Davila's vehicle was determined to be a total loss. No payment was issued to Davila; however, payment was made to others involved for both property damage and bodily injury.
- On June 18, 2018, TDI received notice from the Allstate compliance department that Davila had been terminated for cause from all eight of its companies. Allstate indicated the "for-cause" terminations were a result of Davila's attempt to defraud Allstate on September 14, 2017.
- As a result of the Allstate investigation, Rusty Thomas terminated both Davila and the co-worker who initiated the policy. Davila currently has no appointments with any agencies.
- 11. On April 18, 2019, the TDI sent an inquiry regarding the matter to Davila, indicating the statutory requirement for a written response. On May 14, 2019, a second letter was sent by certified mail. Davila responded on June 6, 2019 stating the initial inquiry had gone to her spam folder and asked for more time. On August 29, 2019, TDI attempted to call the mobile number Davila listed with the Department and was told that it was the wrong number. Subsequent attempts by TDI to coordinate a hearing date have been unsuccessful.

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# **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Davila has engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(5).
- 2. Davila has no appointments to act as an agent by an insurer since her June 18, 2018 termination for cause by Allstate, thereby rendering her unable to be actively engaged in the business of insured as required under Tex. INS. Code §§ 4001.104(a)(1) and 4001.201.
- 3. Davila failed to respond to TDI inquiries in a timely manner as required under TEX. INS. CODE § 38.001(c).

# **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the Department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Davila's license; and
- 2. any other just and appropriate relief to which the Department may be entitled to by law.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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